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Hunger Weakens Patriotism in Germany; Rich and Poor Break Laws and Admit It

NOTE—Until the outbreak of ar between the United States and lermany Mr. Dreher had been for lears The Associated Press correspondent at Berlin, specializing in financial, economic and political subjects. He has, therefore, a very wide knowledge of the sources and nature of Germany's industrial power, and also an unusual understending of Germany's motions. In this and succeeding articles he will dispest all available evidence as to the conditions now existing in the land of the enemy and draw such conclusions as seem to him to be warranted.

(Sixth Article)

By William C. Dreher'

German women have a saying that the path to a man's heart leads through his stomach. In other words, feed a man well, tickle his palate, and you will sove.

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Now, this war has demonstrated the fact that the German stomach is enthroned above other things finer than love. It also holds sway over patriotism, and it has no respect whatever for law. During the many years that I spent in Germany prior to 1914 I had gained the impression that the Germans were a remarkably law-abiding people. Before I came away I had radically changed my mind on that point. The Germans themselves proved that my judgment had been premature. I had been observing Germans who had pienty to eat. But the hungry German proved to be a different man. The hunger offensive has made him the greatest lawbreaker of this age. There is now no country in the world where crime—mostly, indeed, of a petty character—is so rife as in Germany.

Distribution Unequal

Leipzig tried to hold down the price of hares by not only fixing a maximum price, but by putting them on the food card. The result duplicated that of Berlin with the goose. One Leipzig newspaper intimated that some people got the cards, others the hares.

Profiteering of the most varied kind comes before the courts. In February a man was sent-ended to pay \$2,500 for exceeding the maximum price for willow twigs. Another was arrested for selling aniseseed at \$5 a pound, as against four cents before the war.

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many New Laws

In order to conserve and fairly distribute the food supply it became necessary for the authorities to enact many laws and adopt many orders and regulations. Reams of paper were consumed in printing the vast flow of them. They were of the most varied character—laws confiscating grain and other crops and requiring producers to turn them over to the proper board; laws against keeping back supplies and hoarding provisions; laws fixing maximum prices and threatening rigorous punishment for war-profiteering; laws forbidding persons to import goods from abroad; laws against feeding cer
Hittons plant were arrested with near-lighting, \$40,000 in their pockets. Even municipalities, in their zeal to take care of their citizens, send out buyers, who sanp up supplies at any cost, quite regardless of price regulations. Hoarding is another form of circum-venting he law; but the definition of hoarding has grown more and more stringent in proportion as one food product after the other was put upon a food card. Hoarding became such a common practice that a special word came into use for it—namely, to "hamster." This is the name of the German marmot, which has the reputation of laying by his winter stock of food; and the word, both as noun and verb, swiftly won a fixed place in the German language. It is usually spoken with a smile, implying more or less mild derison of the food regulations. But the "hamsters" are often hauled before the courts for heavy sentences. orbidding persons to import goods rom abroad; laws against feeding cer-sin farm products to animals; laws estricting the quantity of certain staple foods for each person to a fixed amount for each week, with a food beto for everybody to make it possi-ble to control his eating. There were laws that tried to anticipate and bar

necessary. The food shortage was looming up and drawing nearer in such threatening shape that nobody could deny the urgent necessity for rigorous rationing, for confiscating supplies and for carefully husbanding them against waste or an unfair distribution.

which can display itself in such terrible ways on the battlefield, has completely capitulated before the hunger effensive. The Germans have demonstrated that their stomach is no respector of law, that all their flamous howard supplies; and in one case before the hunger of law, that all their flamous man's print of law, that all their flamous howard supplies; and in one case that their stomach is no respector of law, that all their flamous howard supplies; and in one case that I have heard of they took a ward of the consumer, whose case had not been fingement of food regulations to theft in a thousand shapes. The courts are sampling from the infingement of food regulations to the transport the same house. He industriously used the same house. He industriously used of this character—having chiefly to do with food—run yearly into the hundred supplies to the food—run yearly into the hundred supplies the courts are working overtime, informed us that in the court was most happy in feeling that he had made provision against a rainy the same house. He industriously used of this character—having chiefly to do with food—run yearly into the hundred supplies the court was the same house. He industriously used the same house. He industriously used the same house. He industriously used the same house the printing of the same house. He industriously used the same house the printing of the same house. He industriously used the same house the limit of the same house. He industriously used the same house the limit of the same house the limit of the same house. He industriously used that he admit that the wants some that I have heard of they took a warring chiefly to do with food—run yearly into the hundred supplies that he admit the provision of the provision against a rainy that he house of law that the warts some in the first connect has the light in a foreign country with the admit of the extent that he wants of the strain of t

Even Officials Err

The breakers of the laws are found in every walk of life. Even government officials are losing their long-established reputation as models of unquestioning obedience to the laws. A short while before I left Berlin a German lady told me this anecdote: She had just been at some social function, where the conversation turned upon the everlasting subject of food and ways for beating the food regulations. Various persons told of tricks that they had heard of, others boasted of their own exploits in obtaining food illicitly. Thereupon a very high police official, present with his wife, spoke up and said: "Yes, ladies and gentlemen, we are all criminals; we all belong in jail—and my family among the very first."

This honest confession was received with ringing laughter.
The lawmakers themselves disregard the laws and regulations. At a meeting of the Prussian Chamber in December a Socialist member discussed the universal law-breaking, and then put this challenge: "No member of this house can get up and say that he is observing the food regulations." Here, again, there was laughter. There were also a few protests, but nobody get up.

Farmers Evade Laws

The farmers are among the greatest law-breakers. At the annual meeting of the Agrarian League in February Baron von Wangenheim, one of the widest known agrarian leaders of the country, said in a speech: "Any one of you who has never infringed the war food ordinances, stand up." The report adds that this caused prodigious merriment; but in this case, too, noted claimed innocence. This organi-

before the courts for heavy sentences.

But graver crime, in the form of thievery of the boldest description, has

Thievery has invaded the railways and even the parcel post, where a wellnigh perfect honesty had prevailed before the war. In the discussion of the railway appropriations in the first week of March the Railway Minister week of March the Railway Minister said in the Prussian Chamber: "Thefts have increased the tasks of the administration enormously, almost monstrously, and they have multiplied to an immeasurable extent within a few years." An assistant of the Railway Minister reported that 1,737 officials and employes had been sentenced by the courts in 1917, against only 767 in 1915. He admitted that thievery was enormously prevalent and took on wellnigh incredible forms.

It appears to be impossible now to get food of any kind through on the railways without large losses through theves. A Berlin suburban town had several carloads of appies coming from Bavaria and announced in advance that each citizen could get two pounds; but thieves took toll to the extent of one-half, and so the distribution was only

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half, and so the distribution was only one pound.

The boldness of the railway thieves is remarkable. In February some butchers and livestock dealers were arrested in Westphalia as they were about to send off a carload of sausages and smoked meat. It was directed to Cologne and was marked "railway service goods"; and they almost succeeded in carrying through this bold worked!

Appraisers Named of imperial spector's action savored of imperial Russia.

Then he advised the audience that they could go to the McKinley Square Casino and hear Algernon Lee and Alderman Robert L. Moran debate for the same quarter that they had paid to hear Nearing. The audience went, among them Nearing himself.

Proof Against Cravings
of Appetite

Thievery Is Beyond
Control of the Police

Hoarders Cheat Neighbors and Are in Turn Robbed of Their Stores

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food sold in Germany as now. The seller can operate, too, with compara-tive impunity, for how can a court proceed to prove that his wares were made in Germany?

serious inroads upon German morality. But has all this any significance as a war factor? Does it show any weakening of the German people that may affect their attitude toward the war? It indicates beyond doubt a loss of morale on the part of the home population; it expresses one phase of their weariness with the war; it shows a relaxation of that pariotic fervor that was displayed in the first year of the war. And it may all tend somewhat toward wearing down the spirit of Germany's fighters.

The "hamsters" and other transcressors of the food regulations feel themselves as good patriots as anybody else when the flags are hung out to celebrate German victories. They do not intend for a moment to stop subscribing money, real or imaginary, for the further prosecution of the war.

State Politicians Hear Their Foibles Satirized

Sweet's Aspirations and Dry Campaign From Col. Souse's Standpoint Featured

ALBANY, April 4 .- Official Albany laid aside the cares of state to-night also become extremely prevalent. Sathered for the "night off," as the Nothing is safe against thieves. Food annual dinner of the New York in particular is snatched by them as Legislative Correspondents' Association was styled. The foibles of legislators, state officials and others active in poli-

Nearing's Lecture

Bluecoats Meant to Close Hall if Pacifist Attempted to Speak

Scott Nearing attended a public meeting last night and didn't speak. It was in Auerbach Hall, at 1315 Boston Road, The Bronx, where he was to have delivered the second of a series of four lectures under the auspices of the Socialist organization of the 4th Assembly District. "The Laborer and His Hire" was to have been his subject.

Assemblyman Samuel Orr, who presided, told the audience of 300 that Police Inspector Richard O'Connor had threatened to disperse the meeting if Nearing spoke. He added that no ob-jection had been made to Nearing's first lecture, which was delivered after his indictment and that the police inspector's action savored of imperial

Appraisers Named for



AMERICAN STRAFING GERMANS WITH A GRENADE

Copies of this picture can be obtained from the Committee on Public Liformation, Washington, D. C., at

Customs Men Arrest Alleged "Opium King"

Think They Have Man Who Fuel Board Warns Household-Dispensed Much of Drug Here Lately

With the arrest in Brooklyn last night of two men who were charged with trafficing in drugs, customs agents and the police believe they have the "opium king" through whom increased quantities of the drug have been intro-

duced into this country in the last six months.

The men arrested are William Seigel, twenty-eight years old, of 324 Broome Street, who says he is a jeweller, and Max Cross, thirty-four years old, of 923 Forest Avenue, The Bronx, who is held as an accomplice. They were taken by customs men, with the assistance of Detective Thomas McDonald, who was at one time head of a vice squad here.

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On information from sources unnamed, the customs men came to suspect Seigel of selling the drug to soldiers and sailors. James F. McConochie, a special egent, posed as a dealer in drugs.

He met Seigel by appointment and arranged for the delivery of 25 cans arranged for the delivery of 25 cans arranged for the delivery of exchange in Brooklyn to exchange to the impossible to take care of. The coal dealers should be instructed not to supply domestic sizes of anthractic coal for industrial purposes where it is to replace bituminous. He met Seigel by appointment and arranged for the delivery of 25 cans of opium. Last aight, they were to meet again in Brooklyn to exchange the drug. As they came together Seigel began unloading cans from an automobile driven by Cross, McConochie opened one of the cans and said. "This is the right stuff," which was the signal to arrest both men. The police say that the opium was worth \$1,125. They believe that it came into the country by way of Canada. Other arrests may follow.

Declares Jealousy

Britten Tells Congress Daniels the concern's counsel, stated last night before leaving for Washington that it before leaving for Washington that it France

House to-day, precipitated by charges jority Leader Kitchin with a motion upon as an appeal The Reitten said Secre-

mentioned in less than a half column nine burglaries, mostly effected by smashing show windows at night.

Bands of thieves have been form dinger grant numbers throughout the country. Recently one of these was caught at Neukoellin, a suburb of Berlin, which had repeatedly robbed the municipal food effices. Not only food, but food cards are game for thieves. Not long ago a band of Russians was arrested in another Berlin suburb for stealing 10-000 bread cards. Another theft of 300,000 cards was made by thieves where they were prepared.

The Farms and Markets Council was a convention of agriculturists, the gubernatorial aspirations of Speaker Thaddeus Sweet of the man from Illinois has changed his mind to the extent that he wants some the water of gubernatorial aspirations of Speaker Thaddeus Sweet of the man from Illinois has changed his mind to the extent that he wants some mind to the extent that he wants some to go."

The thieves sometimes possess remarkable detective talent in ferreting

Industries Forbidden To Use Domestic Coal

ers Will Suffer if Plants

will also apply to ticket brokers duced into this country in the last six months.

The manufactorers, characteristics in manufactorers, and avoid fuel curtainment regulations im posed by the government, are using do

Case to Washington

Swift & Co., found guilty by the local Federal food board of overcharging in eggs, have taken the case to Washington, where a hearing is to be held to-day by R. W. Boynton, head of the food administration's bureau of

WASHINGTON, April 4.—What the case fairly, so that the food admin-omised to be a spirited debate in the stration may know all."

"Swift & Co. feel that the summing up of Alan Fox, head of the

state officials and others active in politics were satired.

The dinner was opened with a flag is "responsible for this injustice."

Tary Daniels was anxious to see the marines go to France, and called on the Secretary to tell the country who is "responsible for this injustice."

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New York branch. Mr. Redington

Nicaragua President Moves
To Stamp Out Pro-Germanism
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 4.
Pro-German propaganda against the United States and other Allied countries of the scarcity of eggs here.

Usually, it was pointed out, Washington gives its decision within twenty-four hours.

Swift's contention, it is understood, will be that they were compelled to pay forty-cight and one-half cents for their eggs, even after the government had fixed the price at 45.15 cents, because of the scarcity of eggs here.

They argue that they were the victims allowance for supply and demand.

Mark Eisner, Internal Revenue Col-lector for the Third District of New

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regulations, will call on William C. Lindstrom, an importer, who lives at 596 Riverside Drive, he will point out Lindstrom can speak with authority, for he took a trip to the magistrates' court yesterday because of his faith in what he read in the book.

York, suggested yesterday that in the speeding along Riverside Drive be-future those who wish to place additional resources at the disposal of the government do so by purchasing Liberty bonds, war savings certificates or thrift stamps instead of making gifts. If they prefer to make a contribution outright, they should send it direct to outright, they should send it direct to

Negro Janitor Confesses

Killing Creel's Watchman WASHINGTON, April 4 .- Will Clem- statement failing to indicate the cor ents, a negro janitor employed at the rect age would constitute an evas offices of the committee on public in- the provisions of the election law

Auto Laws in Book

If the publishers of a book which is

advertised as an authoritative work on

automobile laws, particularly speed

shot James King, a watchman, at the Drag Him to Court committee's headquarters, who was ound dead at his post early this morn-

> Clements, located after an all-day search, told the police that he and King work and that he shot in self-defence after the watchman had drawn a pistol. King's cartridges failed to explode

Women Voters Must

ALBANY, April 4. - Women registering for the local option elections to lic to-day. The question was raised

know whether it would not be sufficient for a woman to give her age as wards of twenty-one.' Attorney General Lewis

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